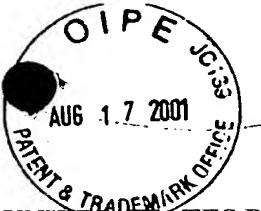


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METHOD

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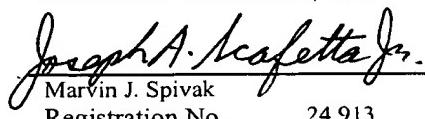
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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AO (JP 3-232039) on Form 1449:

This document discloses a technique which appears similar to that of the present invention in the respects that it includes an error correction code adding circuit for adding an error correction code to data to be recorded and then recording the data in a semiconductor memory, and an error correction circuit for outputting data whose error has been corrected; however this reference makes no mention of a function of correctly generating and adding an error correction product code.